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comforts of life. But how suicidal and idiotic it would be for workmen, after all these years of striving after better wages, to vote for a policy which would reduce the purchasing power of the dollar nearly one-half, thus virtually reducing their wages in that proportion. The work they have done in getting wages up to their present standard on a gold basis is insignificant compared with what they would have to do to get them up to a corresponding standard on a silver basis. It would take at least twenty years to recover the lost ground.

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM AND THE SUPREME COURT.

Attention was called yesterday to the attack made in the Chicago platform upon the Supreme Court of the United States on account of its decision in the income tax case. The platform contains another attack on the court equally vicious, on another line. It says: "We especially object to government by injunction as a new and highly dangerous form of oppression, by which federal judges, in contempt of the laws of States and rights of citizens, become at once legislators, judges and executioners." This charges the great court of the Nation with having unconstitutionally and corruptly assumed and exercised unlawful powers. What are the facts?

The Constitution of the United States declares that Congress shall have power "to establish post offices and post roads," and also power "to regulate commerce among the several States." Under these powers Congress had established and the government had acquired and was operating the great postoffice system of the country. The government owned cars, mail bags and a large amount of other property used in this business. The mails are its property while they are in transit. Under the other power Congress, by what is known as the Interstate-commerce law, had assumed to regulate and control all persons, passengers and freight moving from State to State, and also had established every public railroad as a post road. These postal and commerce laws of Congress were by the Constitution of the United States made "the supreme law of the land," and the Constitution also requires every President at the time of his inauguration into the office to swear that he will "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

President Cleveland believed that the laws governing the carrying of mails and national commerce were not being faithfully obeyed in the summer of 1884, in the city of Chicago, and through Mr. Olney, his Attorney-general, the United States filed in the Circuit Court a complaint against certain persons actively engaged in interfering with the postal service and railway commerce to enjoin them from further interfering therewith. The bill was sworn to by an officer of and for and in behalf of the United States, and among other things it said that the defendants threaten "to tie up and paralyze the operations of every railway in the United States and the business and industries depending thereon." The court granted an injunction. The defendants denying that the United States had power in this way to protect the mails and commerce, a case was made and taken to the Supreme Court of the United States to test the question whether a federal court had power under the Constitution and laws of the country, by an injunction, to protect the mails, secure their transportation and keep open the lines of interstate commerce. The case was thoroughly argued by eminent attorneys at the bar of the court and every judge voted in the affirmative. The contention against the exercise of this power was based upon the proposition that government could not prevent a wrong or a crime in advance, but must wait until an overt act had been done, to be followed by arrest and punishment. This is the doctrine of the Chicago platform. It was the contention of Governor Altgeld. The platform declares that this remedy is "new." It is not new. In Indiana any person who threatens the life or safety of another may be enjoined under bonds to keep the peace. If a railroad or any person threatens to commit a permanent trespass upon a farm, without right, any court having jurisdiction grants an injunction. In short, in this State our bodies and our property may be protected by a judgment of prevention or injunction, and we do not have to wait until we are assaulted or our property injured or destroyed, and then pursue the wrong-doer by indictment or suit for damages.

Now, the Supreme Court held that the United States government, owning and operating the mails, had the same right and power to protect its property by injunction. We have given to this case the most careful and anxious attention, for we realize that it touches closest questions of supreme importance to the Nation. Summing up our conclusions we hold that the government of the United States is entitled to exercise its power of self-protection within its territory and acting directly upon each citizen. That to it is sufficient power to issue an injunction to restrain any person from interfering with the transmission of the mail. That the jurisdiction of courts to interfere in such matters by injunction is one recognized from ancient times and by indubitable authority.

It cannot be supposed that the framers of the Chicago platform and many of the delegates in the convention were unfamiliar with these words of the court, yet the platform denounces this form of protection of mails and business as "new and highly dangerous." For what purpose? Plainly, for no other than to cast upon the court the imputation that it had assumed a power which heretofore had never been exercised and therefore did not exist; that it was arbitrary, revolutionary and unlawful.

When a political party, in order to screen its own faults and failures, finds it necessary to cry out against the Supreme Court of the United States and falsely impugn its decisions for the purpose of inflaming the minds of the people to secure their votes and give it another lease of power, we are dangerously near the border line of anarchy.

THE MODERN QUAKER.

The gathering of Quakers at Philadelphia is not the ordinary Yearly Meeting of the local society, but the biennial conference of the various societies of Friends throughout the country, and is an important event in the denomination. Over three thousand people are in attendance and great interest is taken in the proceedings. There is said to be a conspicuous absence of the conventional Quaker garb, the younger members of the society declining to adopt the broad-brimmed hat and sober bonnet that distinguished the old timers. They affect no peculiarity in clothing, and this circumstance leads outsiders to believe that Quakerism is dying out. Such a conclusion is vigorously denied by these younger members themselves, who claim, reasonably enough, that religion does not necessarily depend upon the wearing of any special form of garment, but that the adoption of such dress may be construed as an affectation.

What sound money and anti-anarchy Democrats will do is only a matter of conjecture. This campaign is likely to be memorable for its new features as well as for its earnestness and the eagerness of the people to hear the money question intelligently discussed. These features augur well for the sound-money cause, which has everything to gain by discussion and investigation. Among the new features of the campaign more marked than in any previous one are the street-corner and sidewalk discussions and the organization of business men's clubs. The railroad men are beginning to organize, and with their usual intelligence they show an instinctive grasp of the salient points of the money question. In Chicago the clothing workers are organizing for discussion and have asked for sound-money speakers. Quite a number of business men, not in politics nor accustomed to speaking, have consented to address this organization, and some of them will speak at the factories during the noon hour, while in other cases the proprietors have expressed preference for doing their own talking. There is reason to believe the sound-money sentiment is growing rapidly among business men and those who come in contact with them. The Chicago Record of yesterday says:

In most of the houses where a canvass of the med has been made the proprietors have found a large majority for the gold standard. The clerks in these houses are also in the main for the gold, say they could do little good by public discussions. At Marshall Field & Co. and at the Chicago Record, the sentiment was declared to be almost universal for the gold standard.

These are more than straw; they are important indications of the drift of sentiment among intelligent voters. In his statement denying that he has ever been in the pay of the silver mine owners, Mr. Bryan says:

Aside from my editorial salary of about \$100 per month paid by the Omaha World-Herald and a small amount derived from the legal profession, my income since my retirement from Congress has been derived entirely from lectures before the Chautauqua Lyceum and lecture bureaus, and from contributions made by the people of localities where I have spoken. Mr. Bryan was admitted to the bar in 1883, yet thirteen years later, in enumerating his sources of income, he mentions that from the practice of law he has derived but a small sum. When a small boy, his father was a Christian he replied, "Yes, but he doesn't do much at it."

The current number of Harper's Weekly contains an article by Hon. C. S. Hamlin, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, over his own signature, on the Chicago platform and nominations. The article concludes as follows:

Neither the proceedings of the convention nor the platform of the candidates for silver or gold are Democratic or of the faintest essence of Democracy. In my judgment no Democratic or Republican could support either. Neither could he support either without ceasing to be a Democrat.

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WAR DEMOCRATS, WHAT THEY DID, AND HOW THEY DID IT.

History never repeats itself; but events often travel in grooves so nearly parallel as to suggest such great similarity in essential features that lessons may be learned for to-day from what was done or omitted to be done on the former occasion. The late war was not the outburst of a moment, but the culmination of a series of events. These were sufficiently deepened by the time of the Democratic convention of 1890 to require Mr. Douglas and such as he to protest against the arraignment of the majority of the party by refusing to support the nominee of the convention, and to nominate a separate ticket. The wisdom of this policy was more than doubted a year later. It resulted in the defeat of the regular nominee and in the election of Mr. Lincoln, as every protester hoped it would, but it left a false impression upon the South, which led to the war. The difference between the regular and the protesting platform and ticket was so slight that the South counted upon the practical unanimous sympathy of the entire Democratic party in case of a war, hence they proceeded with their plans. But the first shot on Fort Sumter, and the candidacies were ended. The war was on, and the Democrats were men who had been conspicuous as Democrats in their respective States. Many of these went in as officers, but most of them as privates, to take their chances of promotion for gallantry, and who came out as first in rank, while Democrats at home were among the foremost to sustain the war from the ranks of civilians. But in most cases they went in as war Democrats and remained such, not sacrificing a particle of their distinctive views as Democrats, and none were better soldiers in the field or truer to the interests of the cause of the Union as civilians. This retaining of their allegiance to the Democratic party had a three-fold significance: First, it declared that rebellion was not a Democratic tenet; secondly, it proved that Democrats and Republicans could co-operate in a common political cause without compromising any distinctive views of political economy; but, most of all, so far as the Democratic party was concerned, it left every man in condition to fall into ranks after the war was over if still retaining opinions peculiar to the Democratic party. To this class of soldiers and civilians more than to any other class the Democratic party in the North has been indebted for its recovered strength since the war. Every State had many such war Democrats as General Palmer, of Illinois, and General Manson, of Indiana, who soon returned to their party after supporting the cause of the Union, even to voting for Mr. Lincoln in 1864, and civilians without number could be found who, like Hon. David S. Gooding, of Indiana, who, though a Democrat from his youth up, became so earnest a supporter of the Union cause as to be made elector at large in Mr. Lincoln's second campaign, but who, when the war was over, returned to the Democratic party so without reproach that he came within about a dozen votes of being elected to Congress as a Democrat in the strongest Republican district in the State. These men and such as they endorsed timely aid, shoulder to shoulder with their Republican fellow-citizens, and thereby made themselves only more potent factors in the post-war Democratic party.

The condition of the country now is not an exact duplicate of that of thirty-five years ago, but there are many parallels. In some respects it is much more alarming than it was then. The madness of converting all the silver in the world into dollars at the expense of the people and thus practically cutting us loose from all commercial intercourse with other nations, except at the cost of converting the money of the people into the money of commerce at the expense of the earners of our money, is a small matter compared with the spirit in which it is advocated. The ante-nominal oration and the harangues of the itineraries of the leader are all appeals to the masses against the classes, as he is pleased to distinguish those who have nothing from those who have never so little. This, connected with the avowed doctrines of the platform should not need the arm of a quill in correction and the federal courts should not interfere with rioters, is fostering a spirit of anarchy that is tenfold more alarming than the firing upon our national flag in the interests of slavery. From its very nature this became a local war—a sectional test of strength, but the coming war, if it comes, will be at every man's door. Every man who has nothing is taught that he is being pierced by a crown of thorns and crucified upon a cross of gold, and that his manhood and even his patriotism require him to resent the wrong.

The Journal would not assume to even suggest to those Democrats who are not in sympathy with this mad scheme what is the proper thing to do in the emergency. It is to their credit that they refuse to recognize the right of the party organization to command them to support such a ticket or endorse such a platform. What they ought to do must be left to their own judgment. This much is beyond question: the next President will be Mr. McKinley or Mr. Bryan. Another thing is also beyond question: Republicans of every rank, who, for any cause, are in sympathy with the scheme to reduce this country to silver monometallism will hold their distinctive Republican tenets in abeyance until they get free silver and all it implies. What war Democrats did in war times, and how they did it, and what followed, both to the country and their party, are now history.

BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

Cautious Comparison. "And you say that the halibut was as large as hen eggs?" "No," said the cautious person, "they were not quite that. They were, say, about the size of boarding-house canteloupes."

Marital Rights.

Watts—Do you think a man ought to open his wife's letters?

Potts—Do you mean her letters to him from the sailors? He ought to open them, but half the time, in my case, I forget to.

A Gallant Crew.

"Anyway," said the man who likes to make kind speeches, "our ball players are no cowards."

"No," said the other man.

"No, sir. It is almost impossible to get them to run."

Bargain Day.

"Dearest,"

He stopped reading his paper long enough to ask what his bestest little wife might want.

"When they mark the dollars down to 35 cents, will it be every day, or only on Fridays?"

Old Dogs with New Tricks.

Oh, were you never a Democrat.

A jaunty rector on your hat

And don't you wear the air?

I want to be but yesterday

Amid this gaudy

I cast my better sense away

And shouted for free trade.

Ah, then I had a steady job

With wages sure and good.

And such as they endured timely aid

Of children wanting food.

I did not feel all the rich

Were on my ruin bent.

Nor was I troubled with the itch

Of restless desires.

But when some blatant demagogue

With words of brain and hair,

Prepared a lengthy catalogue

Of his I had to bear.

Then each employer seemed a foe.

Each laborer a slave of woe.

Who staggered with his weight of woe

To an untimely grave.

Alas! the cruel, bitter ill

Of that November day!

I cast my vote to close the mill.

And seek my job away.

Prosperity was sent to roam

And seek a foreign shore.

And led the wolf of hunger home

To crouch beside the door.

And now these free-trade pedagogues

Have new arithmetic.

Which figures out that ancient yelp

Of "free trade" and "free labor."

And so they sound another yelp

The cure for all our ills

Is just to boom the mines, and help

The silver millionaires.

Thus much good fortune will accrue

And cars be light as a feather.

For they will make one dollar two.

By cutting it in half.

Then debts will all come down, you see.

INDIANA NEWSPAPER OPINION.

The so-called money plank of the Chicago platform is repudiation, and nothing else can be made of it—Richmond Palladium.

The money of the country is all right. What we need is more work for our people so they can get hold of the money.—Seymour Republican.

If the plea for free silver cannot be better placed before the American people than Mr. Bryan did in his New York speech, the cause is certainly a doomed one.—Winchester Journal.

The free-silver sentiment in this part of Indiana is dying out rapidly. Nearly everybody has come to the conclusion that they do not care for 50-cent pieces and inflated values.—Evansville Journal.

Butter would form a steeper basis for a money than silver. The value of the American dollar is the world's market has fallen one-half. What's the matter with issuing better certificates?—Logansport Journal.

Bryan thinks that in case of Populism success the poor of this country will gain their independence, notwithstanding the fact that he proposes to impose upon the farmer a dollar which he will be shut out by the poor English laborer.—Richmond Tribune.

It is not true that times can be no worse than they now are. They can be a great deal worse. Times are hard now and money is tight, but we are far from panic, and the free coinage of silver would plunge the country into a worse financial crisis than we are now in.—Muncie Times.

On the questions of finance and protection the interests of employer and employee are identical and it is of vital importance that both be equipped to render a decision which will protect their interests and guard the honor and prosperity of the Nation.—Hammond Tribune.

Coxey did his talking and walking two or three years ago and is now comparatively quiet as he watches Bryan perform. After Nov. 3 the commonwealth will witness a job of "walking the floor" that will make him glad to take to the hills in the business this year.—Muncie Times.

A return to the policy which gave the country over two hundred millions of dollars of a balance of trade and an unemployed class of property in 1892, would be the debasement of our currency by at least 16 to 20 per cent, and a cure for the evils with which the country is afflicted.—Seymour Republican.

When the conclusion is reached, as it will be in due time, that whether the advocates of free coinage of silver are successful or not people must work for what they get and pay for what they get just the same as now, the popularity of free-silver arguments will wane.—Vernon Palladium.

No country in the world ever experienced such an era of prosperity as we had in the United States between the years 1873 and 1893. The wealth of Tipton county is more than ten times what it was in 1873. This wealth is the result of sound money and protective tariff laws.—Morton Times.

The proposed debasement of our money works bad in all directions. It only works well in the case of mine owners and bullion speculators, as we have pointed out. It works ill when the farmer is forced to lose and inconvenience for a few of these speculators, already rich in this world's goods.—Brooklyn Republican.

The success of the silver ticket means the depreciation, or the cutting down to about half value, of the workingman's wages. Besides, the industrial establishment closes now closed up under the general panic and financial insecurity sure to result from an attempt to put our money system on a silver standard basis.—Valparaiso Vidette.

A presidential candidate who is an acknowledged Populist and who in advance of the election has declared that he will not support the free-silver plank, and who in the platform in the event that he did not exactly conform to his preconceived ideas, is in no position to chastise those who avail themselves of the same principle, which he would have exercised had he not been nominated for President on a platform of free silver.—Chicago Tribune.

The common hard sense of the farmer should prevent him committing such a suicidal blunder as to vote for free silver when the only people who can possibly be benefited by free silver are the holders of silver, and the holders of silver are the farmers whose gigantic syndicate has been formed to keep the price of silver down and to keep the farmers from the free-silver plank. And they will—Lawrenceburg Press.

The higher prices that the free silverites promise for farm products could not be realized, because the prices of such products are fixed in Europe, where the silver is marketed. It is necessary to raise prices all over the world in order to benefit the farmers of this country; and the most extreme advocate of the free-silver theory